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IN "The Strollers" Mr. Frederick S. Isham has told a pleasant story of actor-life "on the circuit" in this country in old times. Other new books of the week. The April magazines. Gossip of authors and their work. New books received,

characters placed in an unfamiliar time amid strange surroundings, 'The Strollers" will come as a welcome relief from the surfeit of so-called historical productions. That the author, Frederick S. Isham, has chosen a comparatively unknown field for his first long story is proof that he appreciates the tastes of the reading public. Yet there is evidence on every page of "The Strellers" that the author has fallen in love with the delineation of his characters and their picturesque backgrounds. The tenderness with which he depicts each charming personage is a balm for spirits grown tired of strenuous realism and ro-

Mr. Isham has placed his strolling actorfolk in the period immediately preceding the war with Mexico. As the small com-pany passes from village to village, with light purses, as well as light hearts, the reader cannot but wish for the better days which they so richly deserve. Thespians, indeed, but at what a price has the stage of o-day reached its opulence? True pioneers if the wilderness, such brave believers in the ultimate success of the histrionic art as were Mr. Isham's strollers, cannot but Command admiration.

There is the versattle Barnes, "manager, lill-poster, press agent and license-procurprotector of Constance Carew, the leading lady. This couple, so deftly wrought by the author, are of true steel. The optimism of Barnes and the even faith of tance are a rock on which adversity beats in vain.

If characterization be the chief test of a good novel, the author has fulfilled this requisite with consummate skill. The clear lights thrown around these two souls has no uncertain glimmer. The lines are drawn But if Barnes and Constance are notable

o are others. Saint-Prosper, self-exiled from France, lover of Constance and of the heroic type, needs no pardon for his reticence. Mauville, poltroon, who falls to understand his tenants and their grievances, introduces into the plot those elements which are remineful of "Pamela" and "The Children of the Abbey." A true

one, he meets his nemesis.

These and many others stand out prominentiy in a plot which does not lack in in-terest from beginning to end. The introduction of John B. Gough and "Rough and Ready" Scott is done with good taste. The side-lights on their character are of the sort to all ert the reader from a plot with-out spoiling the spell of the narrative. Starting out from the Shadengo Valley, the small troup of strollers passes through Ohlo and Kentucky, afterwards taking

boat for New Orleans. Of the early life in the Crescent City much is told. The inauguration of the Mardi Gras on the re-turn of the soldiers from Mexico prac-tically closes the book. The glimpses of the war are filled with human interest.

Altogether Mr. Isham has written a book of which any man might well be proud. The book should be one of the successes of the year. The literary style is charm-ing, for, though the author is given to digression, the finesse which he has be-stowed on his descriptions is of a rare sort. Almost melodramatic some of the situa-tions might be called. The rescue of Con-stance, the death of the Marquis, the passing of Saint-Prosper's brother and the duel tetween Saint-Prosper and Mauville are

done with consumu ate art. The volume is handsomely embellished. The illustrations by Harrison Fisher are beautiful. The Bowen-Merrill Company in rutting this tele on the market have again demonstrated their excellent judgment as

Other New Books.

Messrs, Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, publish this week a little book of travel, entitled "Letters From Egypt and Palestine," by the late Reverend Malible Davenport Babcock, pastor of the Brick Presbyterian Church of New York. These letters are in the form of a diary and were written by Doctor Babcock to be read at the meetings of the Men's Association of Brick Church. They were of so interesting a nature as to lead to a demand for their a nature as to lead to a demand for their publication, and will be found interesting by the general reader as containing a graphic record of a visit to the Holy Land. The volume is illustrated and of handsome typographical appearance.

In "The Assassins," by N. M. Meakin, published by Henry Holt & Co., New York, an intensely melodramatic story is told. It is a romance with its scene laid in the Holy Land at the time of the Crusades, and is filled with typical figures of Christian knights and the Paynim followers of Sal-adin. The plot is almost harrowing in its intricecy and sensational development and readers of the story will have no cause to complain of a lack of vivid incident and

Of particular interest at the present time to every student of Missouri affairs is the volume entitled "State Aid to Railways in Missouri," written by John W. Million, A. M., now president of Hardin College, Mex-ico, Mo. The book is Number IV in the "Economical Studies of the University of Chicago." being published by that univer-sity. The whole question is here discussed from the viewpoint of a scholar. Those who have attempted to follow the questions which have been raised during the past few months can here find the facts set forth without reference to politics, but from the economic standpoint.

"The Man Who Pleases and the Woman Who Faschates." is the title of a book by John A. Cone, now just published by F. Tennyson Neely, New York. The book is largely a disquisition on manners, dress and temperament, and concludes with a number of quetations from eminent writers going to illustrate or define the quality of

The race problem as bearing upon the status of the negro in this country again furnishes the theme for a novel in "Blood Will Tell." by Benjamin R. Davenport, published by the Caxton Book Company of Cleveland. The purpose of the present story is to prove that savagery never dies out of the African strain of blood, and that the negro cannot safely be accepted as equal to the white. The story might prove more effective were it less crassly sensa-

The April Magazines. The following table of contents of the leading magazines for April will be found

of interest to readers:

The Atlantic Monthly—"The New Army of the United States," Oswald G. Villard; "Bylow Hill," part H. G. W. Cable; "Allegra," Agnes Repplier; "City Sparrows," Frank D. Sherman; "The Pipes of Pan,"
Bliss Carman; "Pan-American Diplomacy,"
John W. Foster; "A Tale of Languedoc,"
Mortimer O. Wilcox; "The Play and the
Gallery," Elizabeth McCracken; "The Day's Work of a Forester." Paul G. Huston; "Prothalamion." J. E. Spingarm; "A Siberian Evangeline," Anna N. Benjamin: "Oliver Ellsworth and Federation," Frank G. Cook: "Our State University," An Athenian; "Omaha, the Prairie City," William R. Lighton; "Jane Austen," Ferris

An Athenian; "Omana, the Fraine City. William R. Lighton; "Jane Austen," Ferris Greenslet; "Books New and Old; Picture Books and Others," H. W. Boynton; "Professor Thomas's Life of Schiller," Starr W. Cutting; "Behold, I Shew You a Mystery," Mary T. Higginson.

Scribner's Magazine—"The Gloucester Fighermen," James B. Connolly; "A Story of Three States," Alfred Mathews; "Captain Macklin—His Memoirs, I, Richard Harding Davis; "The Sheriff's Bluff," Thomas Nelson Page; "How Easter Comes in the City," drawn by Everett Shinn; "A Reversion to Type," Josephine D. Daskam; "Some Noteworthy Scholars," Danlei C. Gilman; "The Linge of M'Sieur," Mary R. S. Andrews; "The Fortunes of Oliver Horn," Chapters XIII-XV, F. Hopkinson Smith; "The Evolution of a Girl's Ideal," Clara E. Laughlin,

Harper's Magazine-"Society in Washing-Harper's Magazine—"Society in Washington," A. Maurice Low; "The Wanderer,"
Cora A. M. Dolson; "Dickens in His Books,"
Percy Fitzgerald; "The Bush-Sparrow,"
John Burroughs; "A Spartan," Cyrus T.



Brady; "Fifty Years of Synthetic Chemis-Brady; "Fifty Years of Synthetic Chemistry," Carl Snyder; "The Relations of Animals and Plants," N. S. Shaler; "The Deserted Village," pictures by Edwin A. Abbey, R. A.; "Presper's 'Old Mother," Bret Harte; "Recreation in Cartography," Bertelle M. Leytle; "Love Wounded," Cartis H. Page; "The Roses of Monsieur Alphonse." Thomas A. Janvier; "A Land Journey From Paris to New York," Harry de Windt; "With Violets," Charles H. Webb; "The Gay Chevaller," Sidney H. Preston; "New Light on Revolution Diplomacy," Henrietta D. Skinner; "Victor," Octave Thanet; "The Mists O' Skye," Arthur Colton; "The Alsles Mists O' Skye." Arthur Colton; "The Aisles of the Wood," William H. Hayne; "Unmanof the Wood," William H. Hayne; "Unmanifested Destiny." Eugene R. White; "The Palace and Temple of Nebuchadnezzar," Morris Jastrow, Jr.; "An Hour and a Haif From Jamestown," a story, Albert E. "Thomas; Star-Song," a porm, Robert W. Johnson; "The Stranger," a story, Virginia Y. Remnitz; "Flower and Thorn," Hidegrade Hawthorne; "The Country," E. S. Martin; "Easter," Mary A. Mason; "To a Songster," John B. Tabb.

The Century—"The Plains Across," Noah

The Century—"The Plains Across," Noah Brooks; "Christus Consolator," Mabel Earle; "My Golf," Charles Battell Loomis; "The Dicentra," Joel Benton; "At the Sign of the Carboy," Emma Carleton; "An Acquaintance with Alexander II," Hortense Rhea; "Recent Discoveries Concerning the Buddha," T. W. Rhys Davids; "The Beau-tifying of Village and Town," Sylvester Baxter; "Little Stories, III Two Men," S. Weir Mitchell; "Literary Values," John Burroughs; "A Friend of the Fields" (John Burroughs), Edwin Markham; "The Song of the Toad," John Burroughs; "The Scamy Side in the Philippines," Henry C. Rowland; "Disciplining the R. & O.," Willis Gibson; "Disciplining the R. & C.," Willis Gibson;
"Personal Impressions of Menelik," Oscar
T. Crosby; "New Trails in Abyssinia,"
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Coggins," Chester Bailey Fernald; "The
Man of Destiny" (Theodore Roosevelt),
Clinton Dangerfield; "The Difference,"
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Success—"The Dream of Pliate's Wife,"
Edwin Markham; "Shall We Keep the
Philippines?" Congressmen Jack, Weeks,
Mercer, Bacon, Gaines and De Armond;
"Humor Is an Element of Life," Justin
McCarthy; "How the Largest, Strongest

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W. Harall, "Worsen at Garnes, University
"The Market Market Commentation of the Professor Paul H. Hanus," W. Horwill; "Women at German Univerdtles." Martha Krug Genthe.

The North American—"Does the Race of Man Love a Lord?" Mark Twain; "Reflections on the State of Cuba," the Right Honorable James Bryce; "Trend of University and College Education in the United States," W. R. Harper; "Lord Randolph Churchill," the Right Honorable Sir Richard Temple; "The Red Man's Present Newley Hamilia Garland; "South Africa ard Temple; "The Red Man's Present Needs," Hamlin Garland; "South Africa and Europe," Jean de Bloch; "Police Power and the Police Force," W. A. Purrington; "Russian Schools and the Holy Synod," Prince P. Kropotkin; "The Northern Securities Company and the Anti-Trust Law," Robert L. Cutting; "George Sand, The New Life," Henry James; "A German View of the American Peril," Doctor W. Wendlandt; "National Debts of the World-Vill, Pub-"National Debts of the World-VIII. Pub-lic Debt of Austria-Hungary," Doctor Mor-

ENGINE JUMPED THE TRACK. Roadmaster Was Killed and Two

Trainmen Were Injured. REPUBLIC SPECIAL Dixon, Mo., March 2.—The fast mail train on the Frisco, the "Meteor," in charge of Conductor Musser, left the track at a

sharp curve half a mile west of here at 10:35 this morning.

Roadmaster T. N. Parsons, who was riding in the cab with the engineer, was buried beneath the engine as it turned on its side into the embankment. His dead body was soon removed.

Engineer Bob Lyon was badly scalded and will probably die.

Fireman Charles Wagner was burned about the head and hands, but not seriously

hurt. Roadmaster Parsons, who was killed, lived at Newburg, Mo., and leaves a widow and two children. Engineer Lyons and two children.

Engineer Lyons has a wife and five children in Springfield, Mo.

Engineer Lyons is highly commended for his bravery in staying with his engine in an effort to protect his passengers.

Conductor Musser says that the train was not running at full speed.

PRIVATE PENSION DAY IN HOUSE.

Two Hundred and Fifteen Bills Passed Pension Should Be Granted. Washington, March 28.—The House spent to-day passing private pension bills. In all 215 were passed. With one exception, that is the record for the number of such bills is the record for the number of such bills passed at a single session.

The President's policy with regard to the veto of bills to remove the charge of desertion from the records of soldiers came in for considerable discussion during the day.

Early in the session a number of minor bills were pased. The sundry civil appropriation bill was reported and Mr. Cannon gave notice that he would call it up on fonday. **NEW PUBLICATIONS.**

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Citizens Petition Board of Education in Behalf of Jan Amos Komensky.

A petition to the Board of Education to name one of the new public schools in honor hemian educator, has been made by his fellow-countrymen in St. Louis. It is suggested that the new school in what is known as the Allen Division should bear

the name of Komensky. The committee signing the petition was The committee signing the petition was appointed by the various lodges and societies, representing the Bohemian citizens and taxpayers, and is composed of Norbort J. Vorel, teacher in the Bohemian free school, and representing the oldest Bohemian library association, Slovanska Lipa, Anton J. Cejka, representing the oldest Bohemian benevolent societies, the C. S. P. S. Joseph Novy, representing the old-S. P. S. Joseph Novy, representing the oldest Bohemian gymnastic society and Mrs. A. Brack, representing the lades benevolent

ociety, J. C. D. In the petition the committee says: "The name of Komensky shines like the Northern star in the educational firmament. Other large cities of the Union have recognized



dedicated schools in his honor. St. Louis should do the same."

The new school in the Allen addition is in a district the population of which is largely Bohemian, and it is but fitting that it should be known as the Komensky school. As loyal citizens and taxpayers, we carnestly urge that this request be granted, and in addition, we can assure your honorable Board that it is an honor, which will be duly appreciated by the Bohemian citizens of St. Louis."

............ ILLICIT STILL FOUND IN NEW YORK CITY. 2

New York, March 28.-United States . revenue agents to-day raided an iland arrested Banny Flovack, 22 years . old, employed in the place. The proprietor was absent. The officers confiscated 500 gallens of whisky, 60 barrels of mash, 110 pounds of sugar, 200 pounds of yeast and a horse and wagon. The alleged still was said to have . a capacity of 300 gallons a day. Flovack was taken before United States . ♦ Commissioner Shields and held in \$2,- ♦ 500 bail for examination,

St. Louisans in New York. REPUBLIC SPECIAL
New York, March 28.—Among the arrivals
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here to-day were the following St. Louisabs:
St. Louis-Mias L. W. Caldwell, C. G. Warner,
E. R. Warner, J. H. Wright, Manhattan; W. D.
Simmons and Mrs. Simmons, E. C. Simmons,
Holland; A. W. Payne, N. W. Payne, Astor; C.
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ture of Good Friday. London, March 28 .- A "prayer for peace" was the novel feature of the observance of Good Friday in Great Britain. The Bishops of London, Rochester and St. Albans issued special appeals to their dicceses to unite in prayer that to both British and Boers be granted the temper of peacemakers, pointing out that similar prayers are being offered in the Dutch churches of Pratoria

TWO CITY TICKETS NAMED. REPUBLIC SPECIAL License-Mayor, Frank Knight; Alderman, William Wilson, William Campbell and Charles Center; Clerk, Morse Jorci; Justice, P. Schaubert.
Anti-License-Mayor, Frank Beckus; Aldermen, R. Spicer, J. Robertson, J. Elliott;
Clerk, C. Hall; Justice, Val. Hawley.

rches of Pretoria

ENGLAND PRAYS FOR PEACE. HIS LEFT FOOT AMPUTATED. Circuit Clerk Henry Troll Under-Bishops Make Supplication a Fea-

goes an Operation. Henry Troll, Circuit Clerk, was taken from his home, at No. 3634 Shaw avenue, to St. Anthony's Hospital yesterday afternoon, where his left foot was amputated on ac-

where his left foot was amputated on account of an absoess that formed three weeks ago. He was apparently resting easy at midnight.

Mr. Troil has been III for the last three years, but had spent several months at different health resorts in the last year, and came home several months ago apparently much improved.

Three weeks ago an abscess formed on his left foot, and yesterday it was stated that blood poisoning had set in. He is signers old.

ROCK SPRINGS EUCHRE-The Ladies' Section of the Rock Springs Turnverein will give a euchre on Wednesday afternoon at the hall, corner Boyle and Chouteau ave-

